

New Mexico - Portales Field Office
FY 2006 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____

Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land ☒ Preliminary Rating _____ Final Rating _____

1. Plants - 65 Potential Points (25% of Total)

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment		% Area in Contract After Treatment.		Potential Points	Points - Bench Mark
Rangelands:	SI of 76-100 w/trend up or not apparent	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	65	
Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	60	
Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	50	
Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	40	
Index	SI of 26-50 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	30	
(SI)*	SI of 0-25 with upward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	20	
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	%	___ + ___ + ___ =	0	
Riparian	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____		N/A	
Grazed Forest:	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____		N/A	
1. Plants		Total	100%	Total	100%	Total:	

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 163 Potential Points (64% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the EQIP Contract must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) is given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans.					Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed
Soil Erosion: Wind						
Range Seeding or Interseeding (550)					15	
Critical Area Treatment (342)					20	
Soil Erosion: Ephemeral Gully, Concentrated Flow						
Erosion Control Structures (362), (410)					15	
Water: Insufficient Flows in Water Courses						
Brush Control Pecos River Heavy (314)					25	
Brush Control Pecos River Medium (314)					20	
Brush Control Pecos River Light (314)					15	
Plants Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants						
Brush Control Heavy (314)					30	
Brush Control Medium (314)					25	
Brush Control Light (314)					20	
Plants Condition: Productivity, Health, and Vigor						
Fence (382)					30	
Animal Domestic: Drinking Water						
Water Development (516), (614), (642)					25	
Animal Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter						
Prescribed Grazing - Lesser Prairie Chicken (528a)					8	
Animal Wildlife: Inadequate Water						
Wildlife Water (648)					5	
Air and Water Quality Practices are addressed in the other resource areas						
2. Conservation Practice Selection					Total:	

3. Other Considerations - 27 Potential Points (11% of Total)

Below are some suggested, not required, criteria. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them here.	Potential Points	Benchmark
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species. <i>Lesser Prairie Chicken</i>		
1. Lesser Praire Chicken--certified active lek within 2 miles of tract, 10 month deferment required; August - May	20	0
2. Prairie Dog--must be an established colony located on tract and must be maintained	7	0
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	N/A	0
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active/proposed sec. 319 project.	N/A	0
D. This land is within a NMED Category I watershed.	N/A	0
3. Other Considerations	Total:	

In the event of a tie in ranking score, soil erodibility index will be used with the more erodible soil ranking higher.
For lesser prairie chicken requests, ties will be broken by the number of active lek sites within 2 miles.

Producer

Date

Designated Conservationist

Date

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Points - After